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Public School Library  
FOR THE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA





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A CLASSIFIED LIST OF BOOKS SELECTED AND RECOMMENDED

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# THE LAW.

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## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. The superintendent of public instruction and the presidents of the normal schools of this state are directed to prepare a list of books, to be amended from time to time, suitable for school libraries; to include books of reference, history, biography, literature, political economy, agriculture, travel and natural science.

They shall advertise in at least two leading papers for the lowest rates at which sellers will fill orders of school districts for books selected from this list, and make contracts accordingly with the lowest responsible bidder for a period not to exceed two (2) years.

SEC. 2. Any school district having purchased under this contract any one year a selection of books from the list prepared and recommended by the state superintendent of public instruction, and having provided for their care a suitable book-case, and for their distribution by the appointment of a librarian, and by the adoption of suitable rules and regulations, and having forwarded a certified statement of the same through the county superintendent with his indorsement to the superintendent of public instruction, the said superintendent of public instruction shall make requisition upon the state auditor for one-half the amount so expended, who shall issue his warrant in favor of said district for said amount.

*Provided, First*—That no district shall receive more than twenty (20) dollars upon the first statement, nor more than ten (10) dollars upon the second statement, nor more than five (5) dollars upon any subsequent statement.

*Provided, Second*—That for the purposes of the provision immediately preceding, each township organization of schools shall be estimated as equal to four (4) districts, and shall be entitled to a proportionable aid in the establishing of school library.

*Provided, Third*—That whenever the county superintendent shall make report to the superintendent of public instruction that, upon satisfactory investigation, he finds that the books of any district are not properly cared for or properly used, it shall be his duty to exclude or suspend such district from the benefits of this act.

SEC. 3. No more than one statement shall be made by any one district in any one school year.

SEC. 4. The sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to meet the provisions of this act, is hereby annually appropriated.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1887.

## EXPLANATORY.

The contract for the supply of libraries under the law has been made with the St. Paul Book and Stationery Co., St. Paul, Minn., for the term of two years, ending July 31, 1891. They will keep on hand a full stock of the books on the list for examination, from which all orders will be promptly filled at prices named in the list.

### HOW TO ORDER BOOKS.

1. Select from the catalogue such books as you desire according to the form below. In some cases there will be delay in filling orders, some of the books not being in stock. If a few additional books can be added as a second choice, to be substituted for any ordered and not on hand, the order may be sometimes more promptly filled.

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2. *Payment.*—You can see from the law what aid you are entitled to receive from the state.

Fill out the blank order upon the state auditor, get the county superintendent's certificate upon it, and send it as so much cash to the contractor. Send the balance in draft or post office order WITH THE ORDER FOR BOOKS.

After the books have been shipped the contractor will forward his duplicate bill and the order to the superintendent of public instruction for his certificate.

The order will then be paid to the contractor, by the warrant of the state auditor.

D. L. KIEHLE,  
*Superintendent Public Instruction.*



## RULES FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

NOTE.—The following regulations for the management of school libraries have been prepared, and are recommended for adoption by school districts. As given, these rules are suitable for district libraries. Any necessary changes to adapt them to the needs of a district can be easily made.

1. The librarian, who shall be appointed by the board of teachers or board of education, shall have charge of the library, and keep a catalogue of all the books belonging to the library, in a book to be provided for that purpose.

2. Every volume in the library shall have pasted on the inside of the cover a printed label, giving the number of the district and name of the county; the number of the volume, and the fine for not returning it within the specified time, and for the loss of or injury to any book.

3. Every volume loaned shall be entered by the librarian in a book to be provided for that purpose, by its catalogue number, with the day on which it was loaned, the name of the borrower, and the name of the person to whom it is charged (see regulation 5), the date when returned and condition of the book, and the fine assessed for detention or injury done to the book, as in the following form:

Date of Delivery.	No. of Book Delivered.	To Whom Delivered.	To Whom Charged.	When Returned.	Condition when Returned.	Fine for Detention.	Fine for Injury.
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4. No person shall be allowed to have more than one volume at a time, or to retain the same longer than two weeks; nor shall any person who has incurred a fine imposed by these regulations receive a book while such fine remains unpaid.

5. Books may be loaned to minors and charged to their parents, guardians, or other persons with whom they reside, who shall be responsible for the books under these regulations.

6. On the appointment of a librarian, his predecessor shall, within ten days thereafter, deliver to him all the books, cases and all other property belonging to the library which was in his custody, for which the librarian shall give him a full receipt, discharging him from all responsibility therefor, except in the case cited below; and on receiving the library property, the librarian shall carefully examine all books and other property appertaining to the library, and if any loss or injury shall have been sustained for which a fine has not been imposed by his predecessor, or for which a fine has been imposed, but not certified by him to the treasurer of the board of school inspectors, the librarian shall certify the amount thereof to said treasurer, who shall collect the same of such predecessor in the same manner as other fines are collected.

7. In case of vacancy in the office of librarian, the district clerk shall perform the duties of librarian until the vacancy is filled. The library shall in all cases be kept in the school building during the school term.

8. If any person, having held the office of librarian, shall neglect or refuse to deliver to his successor, all the library property, as prescribed in the sixth regulation, the treasurer of the board of school inspectors shall forthwith commence an action in the name of the district for the recovery of the property he shall so neglect or refuse to deliver.

9. On the return of every book to the library, the librarian shall examine it carefully, to ascertain what injury, if any, has been sustained by it, and shall charge the amount of the fine accordingly.

10. The following fines shall be assessed by the librarian as herein provided:

*First*—For detaining a book beyond two weeks, five cents per week.

*Second*—For the loss of a volume, the cost of the book, and if one of a set, an amount sufficient to purchase a new set.

*Third*—For a leaf of the text torn out or lost, or so soiled as to render it illegible, the cost of the book; and if one of a set, the cost of a new set. In either of the above cases the person paying the fine shall be entitled to the book or set so injured.

*Fourth*—For any injury beyond ordinary wear, an amount proportionate to the injury, to be estimated by the librarian, subject to revision, upon appeal, by the board of trustees.

*Fifth*—Whenever any book shall not be returned within six weeks from the time it was loaned, it shall be deemed to be lost, and the person so detaining it shall be charged with its cost in addition to the weekly fine for detention, up to the time such charge is made. But if the book be finally returned, the charge for loss shall be remitted; and the fine for not returning the book shall be levied up to the time of such return; *Provided*, that in no case shall the amount of weekly fines exceed the cost of the book.

11. On the third Monday of June and February, and also immediately before he vacates his office, the librarian shall report to the treasurer of the board of school inspectors the name of every person liable for fines, and the amount each of such persons is liable to pay; and said treasurer shall immediately proceed to collect the same, and, if not paid, he shall forthwith bring an action in the name of the district for the recovery thereof.

12. The library fines collected shall first be applied to the replacing of lost volumes, binding pamphlets, and rebinding such books as may require it.

13. On the third Monday of June in each year, the librarian shall report to the district board of school inspectors as follows:

*First*—The number of volumes in the library.

*Second*—The number of volumes purchased during the year.

*Third*—The number of volumes presented during the year.

*Fourth*—The number of volumes loaned during the year (counting each volume once for each time it is loaned).

*Fifth*—The amount of fines assessed.

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